## **Learner-Centered Education**



- Learner-centered education (LCE) celebrates learning. It is exciting, energizing, and creates a "buzz" in the air!
- When education is learner-centered, it is done "with" instead of "to" WIC families.
- WIC families and WIC staff are partners in the learning. We cannot "empower" learners, but we can invoke the power that people already have.
- In learner-centered education:
  - learners are included in the educational decision-making
  - the diverse experiences of learners are encouraged and integrated into learning
  - differences in learners' cultures, abilities, styles, developmental stages, and needs are respected
  - learners are treated as individuals
- When learners get excited about learning there's always a story to share about the experience. Learner-centered education can be documented in story, song, and poetry.
- Learners leave feeling that they are "brilliant" because of the rich experience of the learning. You'll hear "Oh, now I've got it."

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